

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 2, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 3 PM in Currell College Auditorium by Marcia Welsh, Chair.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IA. Feb. 2, 1994

The minutes of Feb. 2, 1994 were approved with the following corrections.

pg. 2 -- penultimate paragraph, last sentence -- students are very.

pg. 2 -- last paragraph, end of line 3 -- replace input with involvement.

pg. 5 -- next to last line -- The amended motion was defeated on a tie vote.

pg. 5 -- insert -- **IVC. Grade Change Committee**. The committee report was approved as submitted.

IB. Feb. 16, 1994 The minutes were approved as submitted.

II Report of the President, President Palms:

1. The report of the salary equity task force should be in the President's hands by March 4.
2. The administration has been heavily involved in the discussions on the proposed restructuring of the CHE.
3. The Affirmative Action Committee will soon complete its work on the sexual harassment policy.

The Chair asked all faculty who wished to become involved in lobbying for the University to contact their dean's office.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

IIIA. Senate Steering Committee, J. L. Safko:

The nominations to faculty committees made by the Senate Steering Committee were presented. Nominations remained open until the close of the meeting. Lucile Charlebois (SIP) was nominated for Scholastic Standards and Petitions and Jerome Jewler (JOUR) was nominated for the Faculty Instructional Development Committee. Since there were no further nominations, the candidates for the other committee posts were declared elected at the close of the meeting. A ballot will be distributed for the two contested committees.

IIIB. Grade Change Committee, John Lopiccolo, Chair:

The Grade Change Committee report was accepted as submitted.

IIIC. Curricula and Courses Committee, Thomas Cafferty, Chair:

The committee report was accepted with the following editorial corrections.

page 26, I -- EDEC 548 should be EDEL 548

page 27, IIB -- Title should be L'ACTUALITE FRANCAISE. Delete the last sentence and change the preceding sentence to read "Does not count toward the MA degree in French."

IIID. Faculty Advisory Committee, Brian Fry, Chair

The committee presented its proposal to change the bylaws of the Senate to have two year terms for senators. John Herr (BIOL) gave a brief history of the formation of the Senate and an impassioned speech supporting the change. Faust Pauluzzi (SIP) amended the motion to allow each unit to choose to have either 2 year or three year terms for their senators. After discussion the amendment was defeated. When the Senate returned to discussion of the original motion, it was pointed out that committee terms are three years and that such assignments require more work than being in the Senate. The amendment to the bylaws was defeated and senate terms remain at three years.

IIIE. Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Nancy Lane, Chair

Items I and II, for the Senate's information received no objection. The committee then moved that we add the grades of A- and B- and delete the grade of D+. The Senate became involved in a discussion of whether or not this would cause grade inflation or combat this problem. Upon questioning, the committee could provide no information about the current distribution of grades. All the information used by the committee is summarized in the "Justification" section of its report. David Rembert (Science & Math) gave some statistics of grades at USC and pointed out the difficulties we would have with the system and the graduate school. He stated that only about 5% of transfer students into Science and Math come from schools with the minus grade.

Mike Filaseta (MATH) moved to amend the motion by adding the grades of C- and D+. The amendment was seconded and approved. The amended motion was tabled.

IIIF. Safety Committee, Richard Conant, Chair:

Prof. Conant introduced Pete Stokes and Ernie Ellis from Law Enforcement and Safety to discuss and demonstrate the principles of the safety device described in the agenda. After the presentation and some discussion of details including costs and reliability the resolution from the committee was modified to read "The Faculty Senate supports the concept of the Hand-Held Emergency Location Provider". The motion was approved by the Senate.

IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, J. L. Safko: -- No report

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Augustus Rodgers (SOWK) moved that the resolution on the confederate flag be removed from the table. The motion was seconded and approved. Charles Tucker (SOCY) moved that the motion be referred to the Faculty Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded. The Senate then discussed if this was an attempt to further delay consideration of the issue or rather if it would be better for a committee to rework the motion before it was considered by the Senate. The Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee stated that, if the matter is referred to them, they would consider this at their next meeting. The motion to refer passed.

Augustus Rodgers (SOWK) requested the Chair refer to committee the idea of distributing waste food from University kitchens to homeless in the community. The Chair said that she did not know of an appropriate committee, but that she would look into the matter.

Charles Mack (ARTH) again requested that the senate consider meeting at the beginning of the spring semester. The chair will refer the matter the Steering Committee and report to the senate. Professor Mack further stated that he has been "requested to bring up the passage on page 12 of the **Faculty Manual** which states that the system faculties have jurisdiction over "the discipline of their own members." His colleague is concerned that there seems to be no mechanism in place, comparable to that in place to enforce academic responsibility for students, to assure the professional integrity and honesty of faculty members. He (the other faculty member) cited cases at other institutions where ~~these~~ ^{there} is evidence of articles being plagiarized, reports deliberately skewed, inaccurate data reported, and the like. He wonders if we have any system to enforce professional standards. What happens if a faculty member is revealed as having done these same sort of things for which students are suspended or expelled? Are there any official sanctions? Do we have a committee to handle this? If not, perhaps the new Harassment Committee could be expanded into an Ethics Committee. Could the Senate instruct the appropriate body to consider and report on this matter?" The Chair said she would so do.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ernest Furchgott (PSYC) presented a memorial for M. Kershaw Walsh. The memorial is on page 4 following the minutes.

David Berube (THSP) -- the debate coach -- complained about the lack of publicity for the debate team's successes. For example, Norman Hayes was the most outstanding debater in the Southeast Regionals, but there has been no publicity.

Faust Pauluzzi (SIP) objected to the attendance oath sent to new senators. The Secretary said that it was the practice before he began serving. Michael Filaseta

(MATH) noted that he has never signed the oath. Gunther Holst (GSO) requested the Senator from Italian be directed to sign the statement to the effect that he has been elected for three years. The Chair said that she would contact Professor Filaseta concerning this matter..

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS -- none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

MEMORIAL - M. KERSHAW WALSH

On December 29 1993 Professor Emeritus M. Kershaw Walsh died. He barely missed his 91st birthday. For half a century he was affiliated with the University as a student and faculty member, a longevity which few others, if any, can claim. A native of Orangeburg S. C. he came to USC as a student in 1921 and he received a BA in 1924, followed by an MA in 1925. He was then appointed an instructor in the Department of Psychology and Philosophy whose only other member was Professor Josiah Morse. He was later appointed an adjunct professor, the title assistant professor was not used as yet. In 1932 he took a leave of absence to obtain a PhD which he did at Ohio State University in 1934. Upon returning to USC he was promoted to Associate Professor and later Professor. Except for a leave of absence for two years of service during World War II he then stayed at USC until his retirement in 1971. In 1946 he succeeded Dr. Morse as Head of the Department, a position which he held until 1968. During his headship the psychology faculty grew from two to 16 faculty members. (A separate Department of Philosophy was created.) In the 1950's a large percentage of undergraduate majors entered graduate school and earned PhDs in psychology, an indication of the quality of education which they had received. In 1964 a PhD program was established with minimal support from the administration. At that time Psychology was not one of the programs targeted for development. Yet, as a major administrator expressed it later "the Department lifted itself up by the bootstraps" and gained respectability.

Kershaw was a gentle person, yet forceful, who was responsible for the growth and early successes of the Department. He was also active in the community and in professional psychology in the state. He received License No. 1 in Psychology in South Carolina. At the University he served on several faculty committees, at a time when there was no Faculty Senate and faculty participation in the administration was very limited. An ardent supporter of the Gamecocks he missed few opportunities to cheer for his favorite team.

We miss one of the old-timers who was deeply involved in the development of our nationally recognized institution, as we know it today. Let us remember his significant contributions to USC. A copy of this Memorial should be sent to his two sons.